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**Gov. Branstad, Lt. Gov. Reynolds to Celebrate Women's History
Month with Iowa Students**
Mrs. Iowa International also scheduled to speak at event that focused on STEM

DES MOINES – Governor Terry Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds will celebrate Women's History Month at the Write Women Back Into History Essay Contest Awards Celebration on Thursday, March 14, 2013. The annual event begins at 1 p.m. at the State Historical Building, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines.

The governor and lieutenant governor will present the awards to winners of the essay contest, and Lt. Governor Reynolds will make the keynote address at the event, which will focus on the theme of this year's essay contest, "Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics."

Mrs. Iowa International, LaSheila Yates, also will speak. Yates, who is chair of the Iowa Commission of Persons with Disabilities, works to increase the number of underrepresented students involved in STEM opportunities.

March 2013 will be designated as Women's History Month by the Governor, the Iowa Senate and House of Representatives, the President of the United States and the U.S. Congress and will be celebrated in hundreds of communities and thousands of classrooms in a nationwide observance.

To give students a deeper and more relevant appreciation of women's role in history, the Iowa Department of Human Rights' Office on the Status of Women, the Iowa Department of Education and the State Historical Society of Iowa are presenting the 29th annual statewide essay contest, "Write Women Back Into History," for students in grades 6 – 9.

This event is free and open to the public. To receive more information, or if you need special accommodations, please contact: Dept. of Human Rights' Office on the Status of Women, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319, at (515) 281-4470 or toll-free (800) 258-4427.

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Where: State Historical Building
600 East Locust
Des Moines, IA
Time: 1 PM

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